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FOR

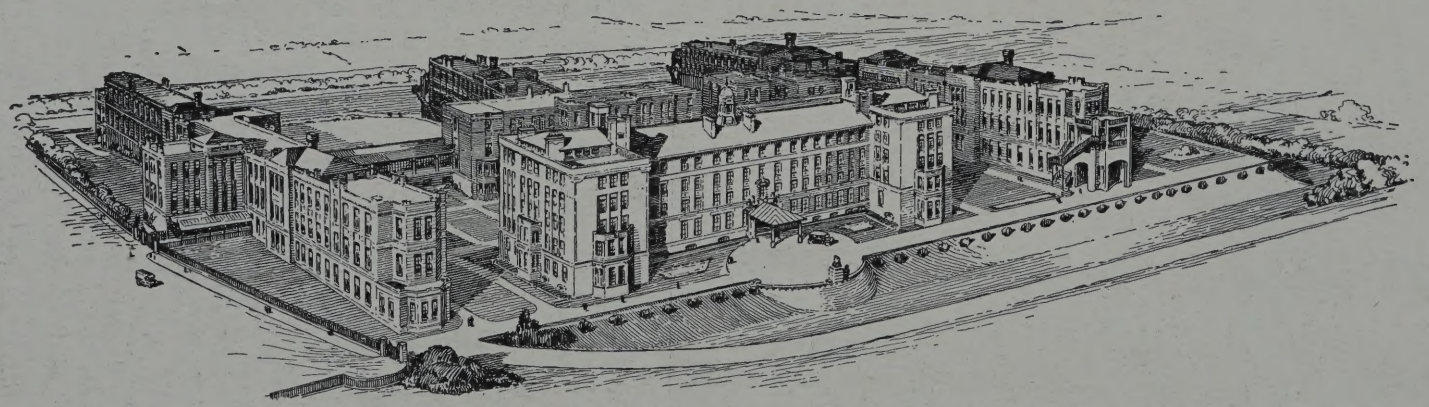
SICK CHILDREN, GLASGOW

Fiftieth Anniversary, 1882—1932

A New Development

Jubilee Appeal for the Children

"From the point of view of Citizenship, every child equipped in mind and body in due time to earn its livelihood and maintain its independence is a gain; but taking a loftier standpoint, can Christian benevolence and charity find a worthier and more appropriate expression than in dedicating its efforts to the little ones who are laid down in suffering through no fault of their own, and are utterly powerless to help themselves?"



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The spacious site of the new Hospital, which has been approved by every expert who has seen it, extends to over 10 acres, and occupying, as it does, the crown of Yorkhill, is an ideal one for a City Hospital on account of its extent, exposure, openness, airiness and elevation, its accessibility from all parts of the City and its proximity to the University.

When the extensions and additions, in course of erection and as planned, are completed, the Hospital will contain 15 large Wards, with numerous side and small Wards, and, combined with the Country Branch and the new additions thereto, will contain cots for 500 patients.

The Hospital is built on the pavilion system—that is, in blocks widely separated, so as to ensure that each gets the maximum amount of fresh air and sunshine, the various blocks being connected by wide corridors, with large windows on both sides. Internally, the treatment of the whole buildings in respect of design, materials used, and finish is of the simplest possible description, consistent with the highest efficiency and the reduction of the cost of maintenance to the minimum.

"ONLY THIS LITTLE ONE."

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THE NORTH FRONT.

MAIN ENTRANCE, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, NURSES' HOME AND A WARD BLOCK.

History and Work of the Hospital

Original Hospital on Garnethill opened in 1882 with at first 58 and thereafter 74 cots. Closed 1914.

New Hospital on Yorkhill opened by Their Majesties The King and Queen on 7th July, 1914, with 10 large and various small wards and 270 cots.

Dispensary or Out-Patient Department, West Graham Street, opened in 1888 and extended in 1897.

Country Branch Hospital, Drumchapel, Dumbartonshire, opened in 1903 with 2 wards and 24 cots. Extensions opened 31st October, 1930. Now contains 5 large and various small wards and 80 cots.

Number of cots now available in the Hospital in Glasgow and in the Country Branch, **350.**

Patients treated in Hospital since foundation, **112,561.**

Attendances of Out-Patients since foundation, **2,149,236.**

Patients treated in Country Branch since foundation, **8,119.**

Patients are all under 13 years of age and are received from all parts of Scotland.

In the Hospital scientific investigation and research is continually going on regarding the cause, the treatment, the cure and the best means of preventing disease, particularly in infancy and childhood.

Medical Students passing through the University receive their training in the medical and surgical diseases of children in the Hospital, and when qualified go forth to practise in all parts of the world.

Nurses are trained—the course being three years—and, after passing the State Examinations, also go forth to minister in all parts of the world.

By reason of the ministrations of these Doctors and Nurses tens of thousands of children benefit from the work of the Hospital though they never enter its doors.

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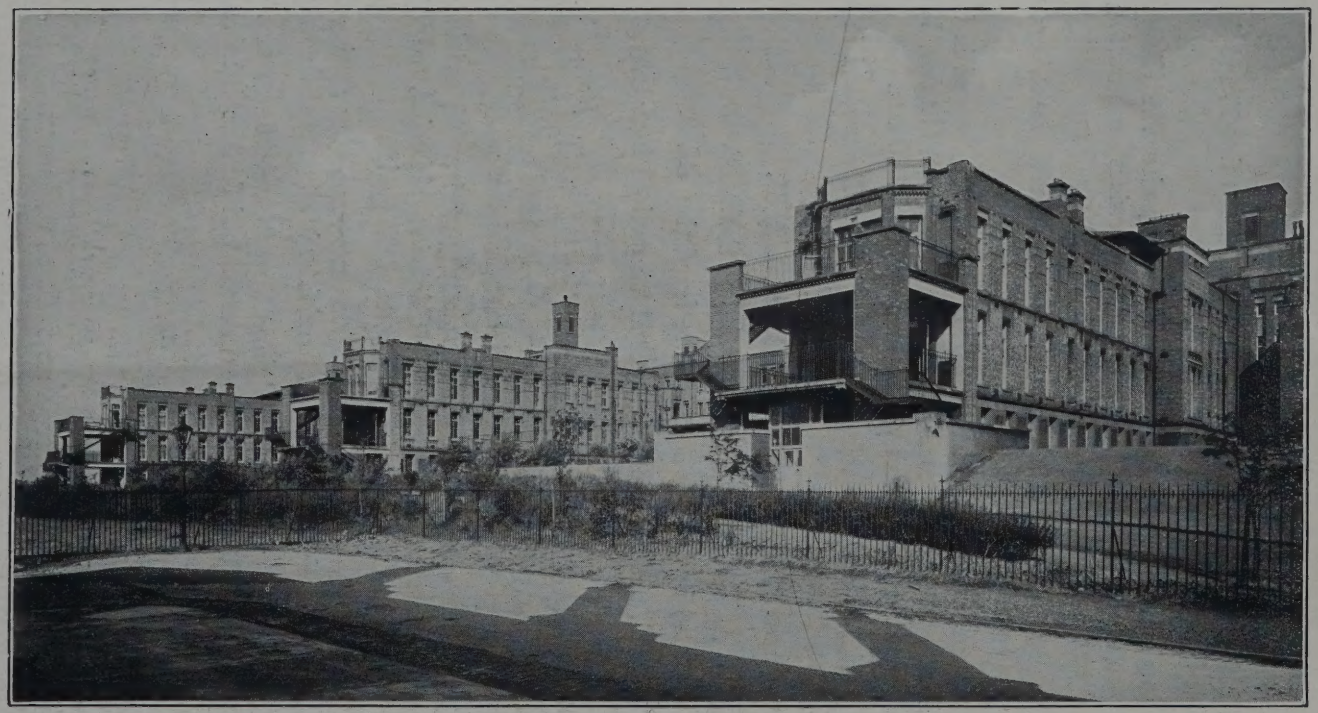
350 Cots constantly occupied by little children all under 13 years of age, who suffer through no fault of their own.

YOUR sympathy and help is respectfully requested in support of this great work for the children of the community.

" See that ye despise not one of these little ones."



The South Front—Ward Blocks.

Statement showing Growth of Work of the Hospital.

Year.	Old Hospital opened 20th December, 1882. — New Hospital opened 7th July, 1914.	Dispensary or Out-Patients' Department opened 1st October, 1888. — Additional Out-Patients' Department opened at New Hospital, 7th July, 1914.	Country Branch opened 9th June, 1903. — Extended Country Branch opened 31st October, 1930.
	Cases Treated.	Attendances.	Cases Treated.
1883	260	...	...
1884	388	...	...
1885	448	...	...
1886	512	...	...
1887	525	...	...
1888	608	1,564	...
1889	634	16,206	...
1890	615	18,751	...
1891	552	19,109	...
1892	654	20,906	...
1893	670	25,190	...
1894	665	26,162	...
1895	707	24,002	...
1896	779	23,205	...
1897	768	23,430	...
1898	811	27,244	...
1899	775	24,915	...
1900	786	27,602	...
1901	810	28,990	...
1902	917	32,246	...
1903	1,069	36,212	91
1904	1,010	45,048	110
1905	1,201	44,262	107
1906	1,150	42,466	132
1907	1,089	42,302	122
1908	1,078	50,776	97
1909	1,012	51,594	87
1910	997	46,453	121
1911	1,095	52,753	134
1912	1,208	48,970	134
1913	1,315	48,923	120
1914	1,374*	44,951*	149
1915	2,231*	49,576*	200
1916	2,253*	52,007*	176
1917	2,248*	49,563*	171
1918	2,194*	44,720*	168
1919	2,821	42,874	195
1920	3,633	48,589	226
1921	4,749	52,606	339
1922	5,288	62,456	355
1923	5,853	74,689	428
1924	6,050	78,489	445
1925	6,452	80,179	435
1926	6,391	81,741	423
1927	7,143	83,591	484
1928	6,492	90,585	502
1929	5,359	81,960	60†
1930	5,247	89,103	199†
1931	5,856	92,186	916
1932	5,819	100,090	993
	112,561	2,149,236	8,119

* Years of War during which 4 of the Wards in the Hospital were in use by the Military Authorities as "Yorkhill War Hospital for Wounded and Sick Officers," and many of the Physicians and Surgeons and other members of the Staff were absent on naval and military duties.

† The Country Branch was being reconstructed during these years.

They came and others are coming from all parts of the Centre and West of Scotland, from the far North, including the Outer Isles, to the Solway. There is never a vacant bed in the Hospital. As soon as one is vacated it is occupied by another little patient from the long waiting list. Is there not a world of pathos in such a waiting list?

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The Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow,

was founded in 1882, and is therefore now celebrating its Jubilee. The objects of the Institution are—

1. The Medical and Surgical Treatment of Poor Children under 13 years of age.
2. The advancement of Medical and Surgical Science with reference to the diseases of Infancy and Childhood.
3. The diffusion of knowledge regarding the care and up-bringing of infants and children, and their treatment during illness.
4. The Training of Nurses for Sick Children.

It has three Departments—the Hospital at Yorkhill, Glasgow ; the Dispensary, or Out-Patient Department, in West Graham Street, Glasgow ; and the Country Branch Hospital at Drumchapel, Dumbartonshire.

The nature and extent of the buildings, the personnel of the Institution, and the growth, extent and scope of the work that has been and is now being accomplished, are illustrated and described in other pages of this pamphlet.

The Directors' Policy

Throughout our own country and abroad the Hospital is now recognised as a centre of advanced work in all that pertains to the treatment of the sick child. Physicians, Surgeons, Hospital Administrators, and others come in large numbers from all parts of the world to see the buildings and the work being done at Yorkhill. It is impossible to exaggerate the importance and scope of the functions of such an Institution. It is obvious that if it is to continue to fill its proper sphere efficiently there cannot be any standing still ; advance and the highest efficiency in every department must be the watchword of the management. It is the Directors' earnest desire that the various agencies which are dealing with children throughout the country, both rate-aided and voluntary, should look to this Hospital as the centre from which the most

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scientific and the most up-to-date information can be obtained as to the health, welfare, and hospital treatment of children. This is the sphere in which, in the opinion of the Directors, the Hospital can most usefully co-operate with all of these agencies, including particularly the Health and Educational Authorities of the city and of the neighbouring burghs and surrounding counties.

In this connection the Directors have for some time past been urged to embark on a new development of the Hospital's activities, and to provide a completely-equipped

Orthopaedic Department

which would form the centre of an organisation for carrying on Orthopaedic Work for Glasgow and the thickly-populated surrounding districts and for the Centre and West of Scotland. It is generally recognised that Orthopaedic Work, as now understood, is capable of working wonders for the health, happiness, and usefulness of the children of the community.

The immense advance made in recent years in the knowledge and practice of the rectification of congenital and acquired deformities, particularly those of the limbs, is the consequence of the exceptional opportunity of study and practice afforded during the Great War. As one writer has put it—"The World War taught the rehabilitation of human bodies, the first step of which is reconstructional surgery." Instead of accepting a functional handicap and fitting-out the patient with crutches or other permanent apparatus, the result of present-day treatment is literally to set him on his legs again, and the necessity for this in civil life is every day becoming more evident by reason of the numerous accidents arising out of the enormous increase of mechanical traffic. A recent article on the subject contains the following significant paragraph :—

> *"In the scientific world the desire to make the body into an efficient and harmonious whole, finds its most important expression in orthopaedics : the word 'orthopaedic' is self explanatory and means 'straight child.' At one time this important branch of medicine belonged solely to the realm of surgery, and consisted almost entirely of forcible correction of long existing deformities. To-day it is largely preventive and uses chiefly 'bloodless' methods.*

THE ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, GLASGOW.
NURSES' SITTING ROOM.

Nowadays the prevalence or otherwise of physical deformities in a community marks its degree of aesthetic and medical knowledge, since all but the rarest congenital defects are either preventable or else amenable to successful treatment."

Orthopaedic Work

Children may be crippled or deformed from many causes—accident, malformation, or disease such as rickets and infantile paralysis—and in many ways, such as dislocation of the hip, curvature of the spine, club foot, knock knee, bow leg, wry neck, injured joints, sprains, fractures, etc. Orthopaedic treatment of these distressing and disabling conditions ought to be commenced as early in life as possible under expert supervision either in out-patient clinics or in the special department of a Hospital, as may be necessary, and must be continued often for a considerable time under expert guidance if the probability of the sufferer becoming a permanent cripple is to be avoided.

The Physicians and Surgeons at the Hospital, including Mr. Alexander MacLennan, the Barclay Lecturer in the University of Glasgow on Surgery and Orthopaedics in relation to Infancy and Childhood, who undertook a special visit to the Continent to study the latest developments in Orthopaedic work there, are unanimous in advising the Directors to undertake this work. The proposal has the cordial support of that well-known authority, Sir Robert Jones, of Liverpool, and of the Central Council for the Care of Cripples in London, who together are to a large extent responsible for the efficient organisation of Orthopaedic work in London and in various parts of England. The Directors have also been approached by various Local Authorities and urged to take up this work, the view being expressed that the Hospital, looking to its size, its equipment and its staff, is pre-eminently qualified to do so.

Nature of Proposed Department

The desired organisation would consist of (*a*) Local Clinics at suitable points in and around Glasgow and in the centre and west of Scotland—possibly in existing Local Authority Welfare Centres—where crippled and deformed children in the district would be looked after and receive simple treatment as directed from the

A Ward in the Hospital

Hospital and where arrangements would be made for sending cases requiring special treatment to the Hospital, and thereafter for carrying on to a satisfactory conclusion the treatment commenced at the Hospital; and (*b*) the proposed Orthopaedic Department in the Hospital, with its special accommodation, equipment and staff of expert surgeons, masseuses, and others, which would be in direct association with and would advise as to the treatment to be given at the Local Clinics and would receive and treat the special cases that required the facilities only obtainable in the Hospital. Such an arrangement is already producing most satisfactory results in England, and a sum of about £50,000 was recently provided and is being expended in setting up such an organisation for Edinburgh and the East of Scotland.

The proposed Orthopaedic Department would make provision not only for in-patients but also for the treatment of a large number of out-patients, and would comprise a central hall or gymnasium, various treatment rooms adjoining, appliances for all kinds of remedial exercises, electrical treatment, light-therapy, hydro-therapy, etc., suitable provision for open air treatment, an operating theatre, and an adequate number of cots in wards of moderate size, which might be used, following the example of numerous Hospitals in England and some in Scotland, for patients sent in by Local Authorities or others willing to make some payment for services rendered by the Hospital and treatment received, whether orthopaedic or otherwise. In addition, provision would have to be made for the requisite administration, and last, but not least, for the material extension of the existing small but efficient department for making splints and all kinds of medical and surgical apparatus and appliances required in the treatment of patients.

The Hospital is in a unique position for carrying on the above work. It draws its patients from a wide area and a big population. The very large number of both in-patients and out-patients treated provides ample material and every opportunity for a great amount of useful work, and as regards personnel, by the generosity of various donors the Hospital has been provided with a splendid team of scientific workers associated with the University, referred to on a previous page on which the Staff of the Hospital is detailed.

On a Ward Verandah.

In these circumstances the Directors feel that they would indeed be lacking in the performance of a clear duty if they did not endeavour to provide for the many children in and around Glasgow and in the Centre and West of Scotland what has already been provided for their more fortunate little brothers and sisters elsewhere, namely, an Orthopaedic Organisation and the best remedial and curative treatment The deformed will thus be made straight, the crippled will be made strong and they will be enabled to grow up useful and self-supporting citizens and to enjoy their lives instead of finding them a burden.

The attainment of this vitally important and beneficent end will cost a considerable sum of money : but there can only be one answer to the question—Is it worth while ? With perfect confidence in the result, the Directors leave the answer to all those who are interested in the welfare and happiness of little children, of whom it has been truly said that they suffer through no fault of their own and are powerless to help themselves.

Her Royal Highness The Duchess of York

The Chairman has received a letter stating that the Duchess of York, as Patroness of the Central Council for the Care of Cripples, and as a Vice-Patroness of this Hospital, is greatly interested in the Directors' Appeal for funds to provide a special Orthopaedic Department for the treatment of children throughout the whole West and Centre of Scotland, and Her Royal Highness earnestly hopes that the necessary funds may be provided to enable the Directors to begin this curative work with as little delay as possible.

Sir Robert Jones, of Liverpool

already referred to, who is well-known all over Great Britain as a pioneer in everything that concerns Orthopaedic Work and Organisation, on hearing of the proposed new Orthopaedic

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Organisation for Glasgow and the West of Scotland, wrote as follows :—

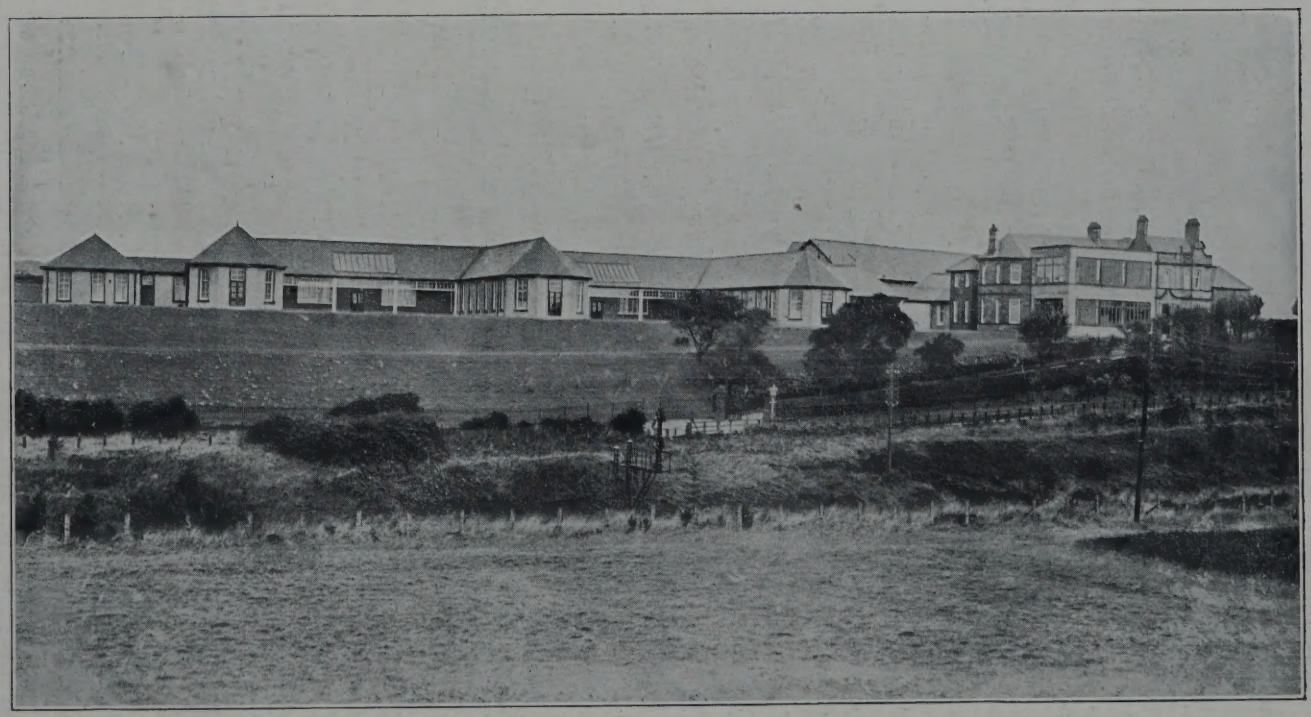
> *"I have read the Report of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children with the keenest interest, and must wish the Directors every success in their effort to launch a scheme which aims at dealing with the problem of the cripple at its source. It seems to embody all the essential points, namely, the Central Orthopaedic Hospital — admirably staffed and equipped — the Workshops — where splints, etc., can be made and repaired —and the After Care Clinics, where the potential cripple and those who have been discharged from Hospital and still require supervision and treatment can be seen."*

> *"In dealing with the cripple we must realise he is made, not born, and that the first problem is prevention, the second treatment combined with uninterrupted and skilled after care, and the third education and training. I trust that the Directors' scheme will meet with all the support and encouragement it deserves, so that the day may come when the sight of a cripple in Glasgow will be a rare rather than a common occurrence."*

Other Opinions

The Right Hon. William Adamson, P.C., M.P., recently Secretary of State for Scotland, in speaking of the Directors' Report in which the Orthopaedic Scheme was first set forth, said that the Directors' plans for the future were presented in a way that must touch every heart. Every penny spent in making the children of Scotland healthier and better equipped for the battle of life was a wise and profitable investment. The children were the nation's hope for the future and they could not afford to economise at their expense.

Speaking on the same subject, Bailie Violet M. Craig Roberton, C.B.E., J.P., Convener of the Health Committee of the Corporation of Glasgow, congratulated the Directors on their Orthopaedic Scheme, which was a very notable advance and called for generous support, and would, she assured the Directors, meet with the cordial support and hearty co-operation of the Health Department of the City.



THE COUNTRY BRANCH WITH THE NEW EXTENSIONS.

The "Glasgow Herald's" Views

The *Glasgow Herald*, in a leading article on the Hospital, said —"As for those who have found healing and strength within its walls and those parents who have experienced the joys of a life reclaimed from the very valley of the shadow, to what heights of eloquence would not their gratitude soar if the tongue could always express what the heart feels. It is this Institution, then, one of the noblest, that our Christian civilization has brought forth, on whose behalf appeal is made. No cause could be more inspiringly pleaded to all classes, rich and poor alike, without regard to sex or sect. The wisest of men, the greatest of poets, could not plead so powerfully as those tiny voices from the wards at Yorkhill."

The Directors therefore make no apology

for inviting donations towards providing the sum of

£50,000,

being the amount required to accomplish the above most necessary development of the Hospital's usefulness and to give healing, health and happiness to the cripples of Glasgow and the Centre and West of Scotland. It is not a large sum considering the extent and merit of the work to be accomplished and the position that the desired Orthopaedic Department of the Hospital will take in the child welfare work of all the Health Authorities in Scotland except the Eastern districts, which are being provided for otherwise.

Sum already on hand

It is with pleasure and gratitude that the Directors are able to report that they have already secured a very handsome and generous grant of £10,000 towards the above sum. Are there not others who, even in these times, have something to spare and are able to follow such an excellent example? Some wealthy men and women are realising that it is better to experience the joy of giving rather than the pain of being taxed, and that there is true satisfaction in seeing in their lifetime the fruits of their benevolence.

THE ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, GLASGOW.

A MORNING IN THE ADMISSION HALL.

The Directors are fully aware of the financial difficulties of the present time, but they submit that the following seven comments are worthy of consideration :—

1. Are there not fifty men and women interested in the children of Scotland who could among them find the whole fund without inconvenience?
2. Can they think of anything better to do with their money?
3. It is not true economy to save in a matter affecting the health of the children.
4. Surely the appeal for help by a suffering child is irresistible.
5. The Hospital is now celebrating its Jubilee. This appeal is therefore made on the conclusion of fifty years of work for the children of the community. It is earnestly desired that the occasion should mark the beginning of a period of still greater service to these little ones who are crippled and suffering.
6. The proposed Department would, to a certain extent, be self-supporting.
7. The erection of the necessary buildings would provide work for many.

Let me **to-day** *do something that shall take*
A little sadness from the world's vast store,
And may I be so favoured as to make
Of joy's too scanty sum a little more.

Let me to-night look back across the span
'Twixt dawn and dark, and to my conscience say :
" Because of some good act to beast or man,
The world is better that I lived to-day."

Donations or intimations of Donations should be sent to the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Robert F. Barclay, at 205 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, C.2. It is not necessary that payment be made forthwith or all at one time.

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN

Will you help that others may be Happy & Well like me?